

LAWS OF MARYLAND.

CHAPTER 497.

AN ACT to provide for the further publication of the Archives of Maryland.

Archives of Maryland. WHEREAS, By Chapter one hundred and thirty-eight of the Acts of the General Assembly, passed at the Session of eighteen hundred and eighty-two, the Maryland Historical Society was appointed custodian of the records, archives and ancient documents of the province and State as therein provided, on condition that said society shall safely keep, properly arrange and catalogue the same, and shall edit and publish under its supervision such of the same as were of historical importance; and,

Preamble. WHEREAS, The said society, out of its own means, has constructed an expensive vault for the safe-keeping of said records, and has on its part complied with all the provisions of said Act and of subsequent Acts, and it is proper that the publication of said archives should be continued with diligence and care under the supervision of said society; therefore,

Appropriation to Maryland Historical Society. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the sum of two thousand dollars for each year for the period of two years from this date be and the same is hereby appropriated, and shall be paid to the said Maryland Historical Society out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, which sum shall be paid one thousand dollars on the first day of June and December of the years 1900 and 1901.

Property of the State. SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the Archives of Maryland, published by the said society with the funds herein provided, shall, as provided by the Act of eighteen hundred and eighty-two, Chapter one hundred and thirty-eight, be the property of the State; provided, that said society may purchase such volumes as it wishes for its members and exchanges at the cost of paper, press-work and binding, and shall be authorized to sell others at cost; the proceeds of all sales to be added to the publication fund and used only therefor; and provided further, that ten copies of each volume of the archives published by said Maryland Historical Society shall be bound in cloth and deposited in the State Library for the use thereof, and that the said society be and it is hereby authorized, without being required to pay therefor; to send a copy of each of the volumes that have been or may be published to the respective State librarians of the several states of the union, and also to

May purchase at cost.

Distribution of.